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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director  
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Robert Ryans, Director  
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SUBJECT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION - DECEMBER 3, 2002 - DEVELOP  
PLAN TO SUSTAIN FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 03-04 FOR CalWORKs  
YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM SERVICES

This is an interim report on our efforts to sustain the CalWORKs Youth Jobs Program pursuant to your Board's December 3, 2002 instruction. As last reported on February 6, 2003, we are pursuing several strategies to sustain the program, pending confirmation through the California State Budget process, of the County retaining the ability to carryover and use unspent Performance Incentives funds in FY 2003-04. Subject to that confirmation, on March 4, your Board allocated \$4.5 million to sustain the CalWORKs Youth Jobs Program from July through September 2003.

The status of the interim funding strategies we are pursuing are as follows:

- On February 13, 2003, the County WIB and its Youth Council approved the use of WIA youth carryover funds to implement a supplemental WIA youth program that begins with summer employment and continues with the other core elements based on an assessment of the youth's needs. Approximately \$2 million in WIA youth carryover funds are projected to be available to serve approximately 400 WIA-eligible youth in the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Area beginning July 2003.
- On February 25, 2003, CSS facilitated a conference call with the affected WIBs to determine the availability of other WIB funding resources for summer youth employment activities. Based on that discussion, several WIBs reported the existence of a limited number of summer youth employment programs which serve a range of 18 to 300 plus youth.

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- Research on other potential funding resources within other County departments continues but has not produced any viable resources at this time.

We will continue to pursue the strategies outlined above and will apprise you of any new developments concerning our ability to use carryover Performance Incentives funds. To this end, we are initiating start-up preparations now to minimize the time it would take to implement a summer youth employment program if and when the availability of performance incentives funding is confirmed. Our next and final report to you on this subject will be in 30 days.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel